Before disinvestment	Purity (%)
1998-99	99.38
1999-2000	99.37
2000-01	99.42

After disinvestment	Purity (%)
2001-02	98.91
2002-03	99.27
2003-04	99.17
2004-05	99.22
2005-06	99.53

Policy on captive mining

1248. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any committee to recommend on the policy on captive mining;

(b) if so, whether the committee submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith action plan to put those recommendations in practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Planning Commission had set up a High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission. As one of its Terms of Reference the Committee examined the issues of captive mines.

(b) and (c) The High Level Committee in its report, submitted the Government, has recommended that:

(i) Stand-alone mining and captive mining should continue to co-exist in the country,

(ii) In case of multiple applications for grant of mineral concessions the existing investment in steel plants which have exhausted their current captive mines should also be considered,

(iii) Steel making capacities already in existence on July 1, 2006, which do not have captive mines within the State, may be given preferential allocation of adequate iron ore reserves in ore bodies fully prospected by public agencies within the State, without the need to go through the process of auction as a one-time measure to provide a level playing field,

(iv) Captive iron ore mines allotted to steel makers should use the ore from these mines for their own steel and should not sell the same either in India or abroad.

The recommendations of the High Level Committee are under consideration of Government.

Recruitment of Muslims

†1249. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written to State Governments and U.Ts to ensure recruitment of Muslims in Police and other Government jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of the Minorities reiterates the commitment of Government to ensuring representation for the minorities in Government, including the railways, nationalized banks and public sector enterprises. It does not refer to Muslims alone.

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